

## Today's News - October 17, 2006

Sydney Opera House launches search for 1956 design submissions (what's in your archives?). -- The battle heats up (and big names fly) for massive Singapore resort. -- Auckland Art Gallery expansion plans face delays. -- Miami's new performing arts center has a case of the blahs. -- Houston's children's museum has growing plans. -- Lots more reporting, opinions, and finger pointing about Denver's justice center. -- Philadelphia takes a big step to oversee its riverfront development. -- A new tall tower in store for L.A.'s skyline. -- Engaging and informative reports from ASLA conference. -- Pearman is none to kind in two reports about Venice Biennale. -- Things aren't much better at Architecture Biennale Beijing. -- Toronto gets a taste of de Botton. -- Call for proposals: International Archive for Women in Architecture prize.

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[Worldwide search for Sydney Opera House designs: More than 200 entries were received from around the world...Opera House is now launching a worldwide appeal to find as many of these designs as possible.](#) Infolink (Australia)

[Kerzner: Robots 'R' Us: A fantastical futurescape for Sentosa? Dangling a mega-bid of \\$5.28 billion and a cutting-edge concept built on robotics..."Not only do we have the genius of Frank Gehry, we also have folks who can build it and deliver."](#) Today (Singapore)

[Genting International, Star Cruises reveal plans for Sentosa \[S\\$5.2 billion\] integrated resort -- Ralph Appelbaum Associates; Michael Graves \[images, links\]](#)- ChannelNewsAsia

[Auckland Art Gallery \\$90 million restoration and upgrade faces obstacle...further delays after Auckland businesswoman...appealed against the modern addition alongside the 1887 French-style colonial building... -- Francis-Jones Morehhan Thorpe \(FJMT\); Archimedia; Salmond Reed Architects](#)- New Zealand Herald

[A case of the blahs on Biscayne Boulevard: Miami's a vibrant place; its new performing arts center is not...Everyone hopes the complex will jump-start a new age of artistic interest and activity. It's just too bad all those millions didn't buy something more exciting to look at.](#) -- Pelli Clarke Pelli- Dallas Morning News

[My, how children's museum has grown: With crowds bigger by the year, facility will more than double its size by 2009 -- Robert Venturi \(1992\); Jeffrey Ryan/Jackson & Ryan](#)- Houston Chronicle

[Architecture advocate would do project justice: The sudden exit of Steven Holl from the Denver Justice Center project is nothing short of amazing...the issue now is to learn from this event for the future...consider Holl's salient point: The city needs an advocate for public architecture.](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Architect's departure good news, indeed: Perhaps it's a harbinger that Denver's infatuation with internationally acclaimed architects who care more about building a portfolio than building a city is cooling.](#) -- Steven Holl- Denver Post

[Klipp will put own imprint on Justice Center: Steven Holl Architecture was the design firm and klipp the managing firm on the \\$99.1 million project...Now, klipp is taking over the entire process for the building...Brian Klipp talks....](#) - Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Battle over doing project justice: Managers for Denver's planned Justice Center tout the progress being made after a famed architect's exit, while some city officials want to retain another big name.](#) -- Steven Holl; klipp; David Owen Tryba- Denver Post

['Not too late' for river plan: Mayor creates group with community reps to oversee development...wants to attract private foundation money to pay for the master plan, the chief consultant for which will be Penn Praxis, a non-profit unit of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design...](#) - Philadelphia Daily News

[Major Tower Planned in L.A.: ...proposed 50-story 7+Fig at a cost of more than \\$300 million...the first significant addition to the city's skyline in 14 years.](#) -- Keating/Khang Architecture- Los Angeles Times

[ASLA and IFLA Celebrate Green Solutions for a Blue Planet: reports, audio, video from the Annual Meeting -- Jean Michel Cousteau; Kongjian Yu, International ASLA; Ken Smith, ASLA; Catherine Mosbach, International ASLA; Mary Ann Lasch, FASLA; Dean Hill, ASLA - LAND Online / American Society of Landscape Architect \(ASLA\)](#)

[Green Solutions For A Blue Planet: The ASLA 2006 Conference; links to reports: The Greenest Green: A Student Review, and Sustainability In The Work And In The Profession](#)- PLANetizen

[Surely not the last words on the 10th Venice Architecture Biennale, 2006: ...It is all immensely worthy. It is also, with some exceptions, monumentally dull...If the series is to continue, it must be comprehensively re-thought. It must have a reason to exist.](#) By Hugh Pearman [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

[2ABBeijing: Every self-respecting country has an Architecture Biennale of its own nowadays... Architecture Biennale Beijing...As is usually the case with architecture biennales, the themes may have been big, but most of the presentations paid no attention to them whatsoever.](#) - ArchiNed (Netherlands)

[Feeling cranky? Blame the architect: Modern aesthetic dismays Alain de Botton...Sitting in a downtown Toronto hotel room, the author had to look no farther than his window to make his point.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[Call for proposals: International Archive for Women in Architecture \(IAWA\) Milka Bliznakov Prize; deadline: November 1](#) - Virginia Tech School of Architecture + Design

[North Carolina Museum of Art Expansion: Skylights and garden galleries create a firmly grounded museum expansion that sits softly on the land. -- tomas Phifer and Partners; Peter Walker and Partners \[images\]](#) - ArchNewsNow

[-- Exhibition: CO-EVOLUTION, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)  
[-- Foster and Partners: Hearst Tower, New York, NY](#)

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